

December 1, 2017

Parent or Guardian of Student at
Emil G Hirsch Metropolitan High School
7740 South Ingleside Avenue

Re: Proposed Co-location of Art in Motion Charter School and Emil G. Hirsch Metropolitan High School

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is committed to providing every child from every community with a high-quality education that prepares them for success in college and in life. CPS students continue to make record-breaking academic progress in every part of the city. Our vision is that all CPS schools can build on this progress by offering high quality, rigorous instruction from talented educators that help put Chicago students on a path to lasting success.

Art In Motion Charter School would be a new charter school and is currently proposed to open in the fall of 2018 in the Greater Grand Crossing Community. Pending the Chicago Board of Education's ("Board") action on the charter school proposal at its December 6, 2017 Board Meeting, the school will open serving 200 students in grades 7 and 8 and will grow to serve one grade per year until it reaches grades 7 through 12.

To provide Art In Motion Charter School with a location to establish and grow their learning environment for students of the Greater Grand Crossing community, I am proposing the co-location of Art In Motion Charter School with Emil G. Hirsch Metropolitan High School, located at 7740 S. Ingleside Avenue. The proposed co-location of Art In Motion Charter School with Hirsch High School is contingent upon the Board's approval of the charter school proposal on December 6, 2017.

This proposal is consistent with the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions (Guidelines) for co-locations because it is a proposal formally requested by members of the Hirsch and Greater Grand Crossing community. Specifically, we have heard the request for this proposal from members of the Hirsch and Greater Grand Crossing community including parents, homeowners, and community representatives through a letter dated November 22, 2017. The resulting space utilization data after the co-location will not exceed the facility's enrollment efficiency range, as defined by the CPS' Space Utilization Standards.

If this proposal is approved by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago (Board), CPS will co-locate Art In Motion Charter School with Emil G. Hirsch Metropolitan High School.

If you would like more detail about the proposed co-location, please refer to the DRAFT Transition Plan that is included with this letter.



As a next step, CPS will hold two community meetings and one public hearing to hear further feedback on CPS' proposal (meeting information is below). Following these meetings and hearings, the Board of Education may vote on this proposal as early as February 2018.

Public Comment on this Proposal

I invite you to share your feedback on the proposed co-location of Art In Motion and Hirsch during the following two community meetings and one public hearing outlined below:

Community Meeting 1

January 9th, 2018
6 to 8 p.m.
Emil G Hirsch Metropolitan
High School
7740 S Ingleside Avenue

Community Meeting 2

January 16th, 2018
6 to 8 p.m.
Emil G Hirsch Metropolitan
High School
7740 S Ingleside Avenue

Public Hearing

January 31st, 2018
5:30 to 8 p.m.
CPS Loop Office
42 West Madison
Street

If you wish to comment at the community meetings or hearing, please adhere to the following procedures. You must sign up to speak on the day of, at the designated location, beginning one hour before the designated start time and ending 30 minutes after the start of the meeting or hearing. You will have two minutes to speak, unless the hearing officer or meeting organizer provides an extension. The hearing will conclude at the stated end time or following the comments of the last person who has signed up to speak, whichever occurs first.

Thank you in advance for your feedback as we work to provide all Chicago Public School students with the high-quality education they deserve. After the community meetings and public hearing, I will review a written report from the hearing officer and at that time, I may recommend that the Board consider and approve the co-location of Art in Motion and Hirsch High School.

Further questions and concerns

All of this information can be found at CPS.edu/Transitions. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this proposal and the draft transition plan, please email transitions@cps.edu or call Chicago Public Schools at (773) 553-1500.

Sincerely,

Forrest Claypool
Chief Executive Officer
Chicago Public Schools